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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Tue 8/25/2015 2:47:52 PM
Subject: RE: La Plata County Technical Subcommittee Notes

I just talked to Peter. I suggested to him that the message to convey to the group about why EPA is not participating tonight is:

- We are currently focused on response to the current spill
- Although we will be turning our attention to the near-term and long-term strategies for the mines in Cement Creek Watershed, we are not at a point to have public conversations about that (as we are still focused on response)
- We are starting to sit down with the various state, tribal and local governments to discuss near- and long-term strategies, including upcoming (not yet scheduled) meetings with the LaPlata and San Juan County Commissions.
- The ARSG meeting tonight will be very helpful in informing our discussions and development of strategies, and to that end I asked Peter to report out from the conversation tonight.

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From: Tyler, Patti
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:32 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy; McGrath, Shaun
Subject: RE: La Plata County Technical Subcommittee Notes

Peter Butler

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 8:27 AM
To: McGrath, Shaun
Cc: Tyler, Patti
Subject: RE: La Plata County Technical Subcommittee Notes

Yes – Patti – can you track down. Thanks ng

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 10:27 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy
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I'm happy to give him a call. Can you send me a number for him?

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I am told that everyone understands our decision – I would say that if you have a moment to call him and underscore that we believe our participation is premature given that we are still in the response phase – and we will be better able to participate in several weeks.

Let me know if I can assist. Thanks ng

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:29 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy
Cc: Tyler, Patti
Subject: Re: La Plata County Technical Subcommittee Notes

Thx. He talked to Martin Hestmark but has not contacted me. I'm still of the mind that we sit this one out tonight. Is anyone there having second thoughts about that decision?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2015, at 6:56 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Sean .. please see item 6 below – evidently Mr. Butler was told he could connect with you on the meeting this evening. Just want to make sure there are no loose ends on this matter.

Thanks ng

From: Fagen, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy; Tyler, Patti; Calanog, Steve; Foster, Althea; Williams, Laura;

Newhart, Gary; Guy, Kerry; Peterson, Cynthia; Weigel, Greg
Subject: La Plata County Technical Subcommittee Notes

Hi all,

Here are the notes I took from the meeting with the La Plata County Technical Subcommittee, I apologize for the 3 individuals who received my draft email previously. I would like to discuss with the group about these items and messages.

Liz

Requests/Follow-up Items from the Monday 10am meeting with the La Plata County Technical Subcommittee:

1. Email a list of Sampling Locations (on-going) to Subcommittee
2. Email QAPP for response sampling, R8, R6, R9
3. Provide update to LeeAnne on the 6 points, or 6 talking points that was discussed on Thursday 8/20/15 regarding Algae sampling, where were algae samples collected and what are the results? These points were never discussed again after Thursday and they would like them.
4. Check on the sediment data collected and if results are listed in the viewer. There is currently only one sediment data point in the viewer. Marcy would like to see all sediment data in the viewer.
5. Will we be involving the Subcommittee on the development of the transition/long term sampling plan development? If so, then when can we involve them and share the summary of the sampling planned for the next year

6. Peter Butler strongly recommended that EPA participate in the ARSG meeting on Tuesday night and advised that not attending would be worse and that he would direct conversation away from focusing on EPA, but that we should attend
7. We plan on meeting again on Monday 8/31 at 2pm.

Messages to confirm or develop:

These messages that were strongly advised/recommended to be put out to public, especially on the website.

1. What sampling is EPA doing, what sample locations – Not results but a summary of the locations and what EPA is currently doing, R8, R6, and R9
2. What is the recreational risk based value and how was the value determined – put out a description of the value
3. Pete Foster, County Engineer consultant, would like to hear/see risk comparisons or recreational comparisons, including total or dissolved
4. Put more charts like those that were displayed during the Thursday public meeting on the website, they would like to see the concentration charts at Rotary park on the website
5. Add the presentation that was given at the public meeting on the website
6. Tell the story of the top metals of concern, lead, mercury, arsenic – and why the other metals aren't a concern

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